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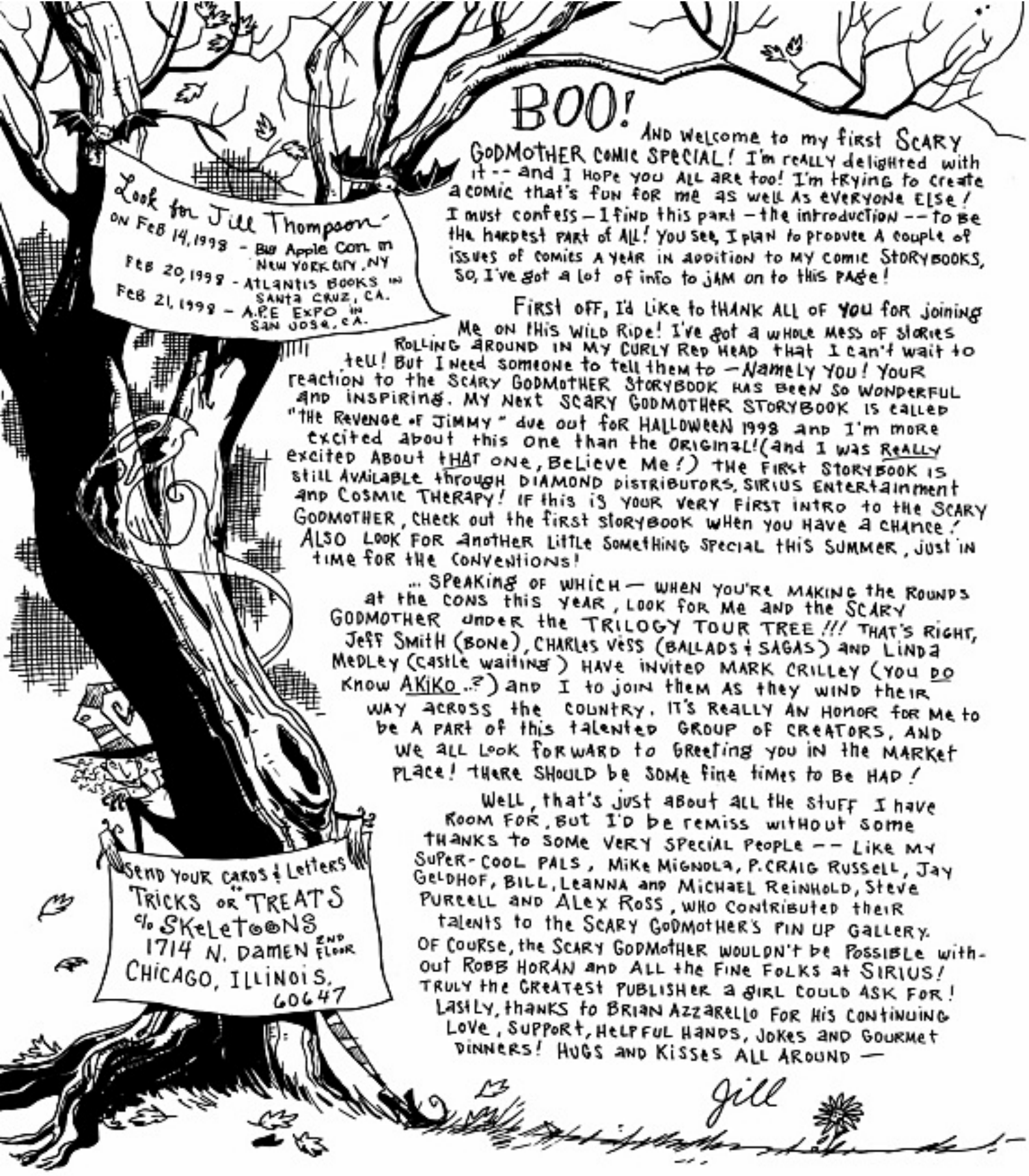
BOO!
AND Welcome to my first SCARY GODMOTHER COMIC SPECIAL! I'm REALLY delighted with it -- and I HOPE YOU ALL ARE too! I'm trying to create a COMIC that's FUN FOR ME AS WELL AS EVERYONE ELSE! I must confess — I FIND this part — the introduction -- to be the HARDEST PART of ALL! YOU SEE, I PLAN to produce A couple of issues of COMICS A YEAR IN ADDITION to MY COMIC STORYBOOKS, SO, I've got a lot of info to JAM on to this PAGE!
FIRST OFF, I'd LIKE to THANK ALL OF YOU FOR joining ME ON THIS WILD RIDE! I've got a WHOLE MESS OF STORIES ROLLING AROUND IN MY CURLY RED HEAD that I can't wait to tell! But I need someone to tell them to — NAMELY YOU! YOUR reaction to the SCARY GODMOTHER STORYBOOK HAS BEEN SO WONDERFUL AND INSPIRING. MY Next SCARY GODMOTHER STORYBOOK IS called "the Revenge of JIMMY" due out for HALLOWEEN 1998 and I'm more excited about this one than the ORIGINAL! (and I was REALLY excited ABOUT THAT ONE, BELIEVE ME!) THE FIRST STORYBOOK IS still AVAILABLE through DIAMOND DISTRIBUTORS, SIRIUS ENTERTAINMENT and COSMIC THERAPY! IF this IS YOUR VERY FIRST INTRO to the SCARY GODMOTHER, CHECK out the first STORYBOOK WHEN YOU HAVE A CHANCE! ALSO LOOK FOR ANOTHER LITTLE SOMETHING SPECIAL THIS SUMMER, JUST IN TIME FOR THE CONVENTIONS!
... SPEAKING OF WHICH — WHEN YOU'RE MAKING the ROUNDS at the CONS this YEAR, LOOK FOR ME AND the SCARY GODMOTHER under the TRILOGY TOUR TREE !!! THAT'S RIGHT, Jeff SMITH (BONE), CHARLES VESS (BALLADS & SAGAS) AND LINDA MEDLEY (CASTLE WAITING) HAVE INVITED MARK CRILLEY (YOU DO know AKIKO..?) AND I to JOIN THEM AS they WIND their WAY ACROSS the COUNTRY. IT'S REALLY AN HONOR FOR ME to be A PART of this talented GROUP of CREATORS, AND We ALL LOOK FORWARD to GREETING YOU IN the MARKET PLACE! THERE SHOULD be SOME fine times to BE HAD!
WELL, that's just ABOUT ALL the STUFF I have ROOM FOR, BUT I'D be remiss WITHOUT some THANKS to SOME VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE -- LIKE MY SUPER-COOL PALS, MIKE MIGNOLA, P. CRAIG RUSSELL, JAY GELDHOF, BILL, LEANNA and MICHAEL REINHOLD, Steve PURCELL AND ALEX ROSS, WHO CONTRIBUTED their talents to the SCARY GODMOTHER'S PIN UP GALLERY. OF COURSE, the SCARY GODMOTHER WOULDN'T be POSSIBLE without ROBB HORAN and ALL the FINE FOLKS at SIRIUS! TRULY the GREATEST PUBLISHER A GIRL COULD ASK FOR! LASTLY, thanks to BRIAN AZZARELLO FOR HIS CONTINUING LOVE, SUPPORT, HELPFUL HANDS, JOKES AND GOURMET DINNERS! HUGS AND KISSES ALL AROUND —
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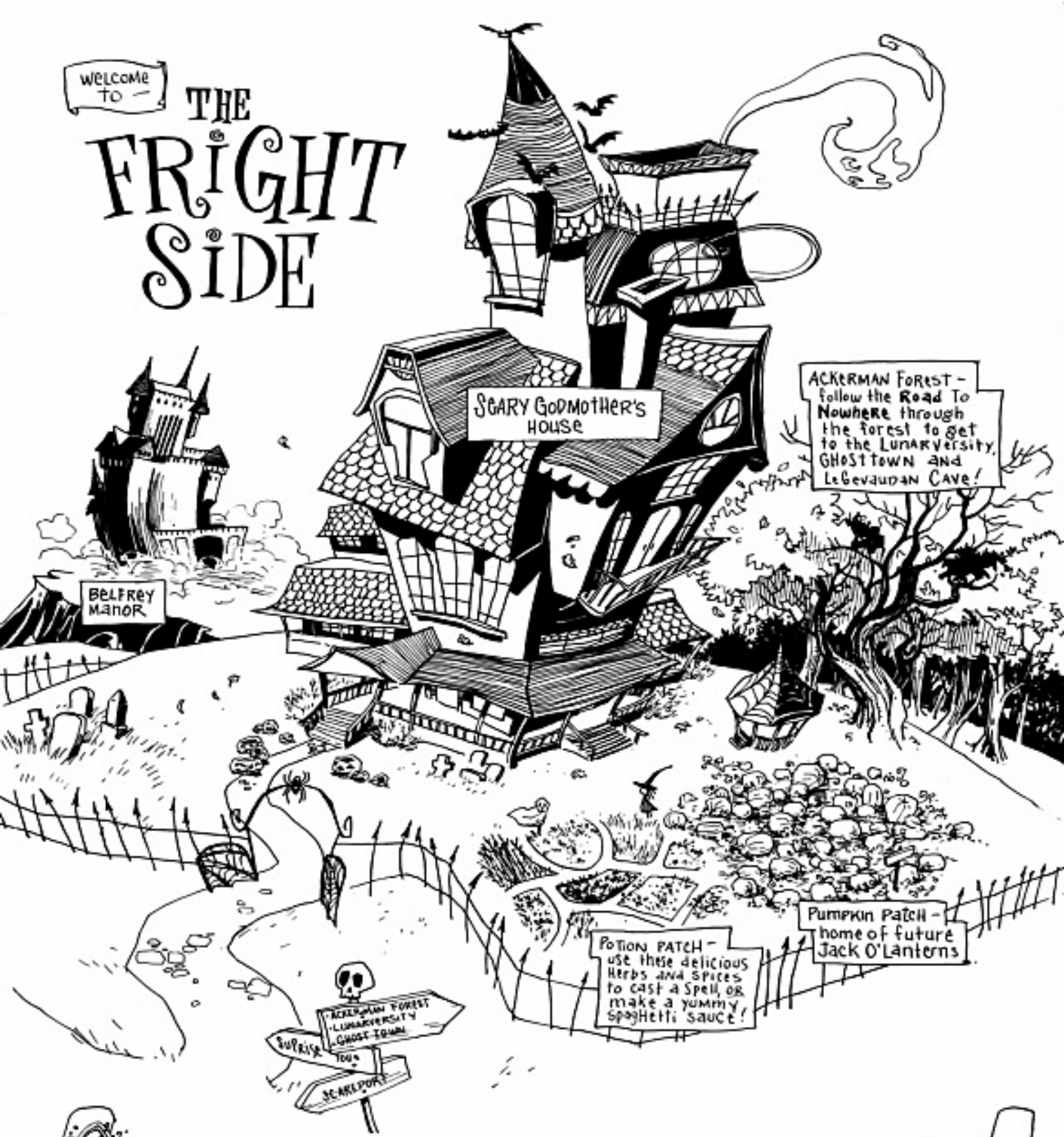
WELCOME TO —
THE FRIGHT SIDE
SCARY GODMOTHER'S HOUSE
BELFREY MANOR
ACKERMAN FOREST - follow the Road To Nowhere through the forest to get to the LUNARversity, GHOST TOWN and LeGevaudan Cave!
POTION PATCH - use these delicious Herbs and Spices to cast a Spell, OR make a yummy SpagHetti sauce!
PUMPKIN PATCH - home of future Jack O'Lanterns
ACKERMAN FOREST
LUNARVERSITY
GHOST TOWN
SURPRISE TOUR
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How can you visit this Haunted Hideout? Turn the page and meet your *guide*!

Meet HANNAH MARIE! A LITTLE GIRL WHO KNOWS the SECRET TO VISITING THIS magical, monstery LAND!
WAY PAST MY BEDTIME...
Get UP on the FRIGHT SIDE of my BED...
OPEN A DOOR And...
I SMELL CHOCOLATE AND CINNAMON!
OF COURSE YOU DO, HANNAH! I've been WAITING FOR YOU, TO POUR OUR TEA! There's NOTHING better than COOKIES and TEA! except maybe COFFEE and COOKIES... OH! and MILK and COOKIES! OR.. HOT COCOA.... OR..
DIG in!
DONG DING
HANNAH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO RING the DOORBELL TO COME IN to My HOUSE
DONG DING
BUT I'M ALREADY HERE!
OH! That means we HAVE GUESTS!
YAY!
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SCARY GODMOTHER
in
My BLOODY VALENTINE
DO NOT DISTURB UNTIL VALENTINE'S DAY
By
Jill Thompson

:Sniff:
Good Evening Scary Godmother. May we enter?
Hi Ruby! Hi Orson! I invite you into my home! We were just having tea and cookies! Extra sugar!
I'm sure I can find something kicking around the kitchen for you and ORSON.
Hi HannaH!
Hi. ORSON!
Remember Folks! — A vampire can't enter your home unless you invite them!
you're looking more ghastly than usual this evening!
thank you...
I want to suck your BLOOD!
Hee Hee!
BOO HOO
SOB!
BOO HOO
BOO HO
SNIF
BOOH
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Ruby, I get the feeling you're not enjoying this cry!
Is something wrong?
: snif : MAX and I had a fight and... and... He fa-flew, out the window!
What was the fight about? Sit down and tell me all about it.
I guess we're just too different, MAX and I! : snif : it all started when I was doing a little HOMEMAKING...
POOF
WOOSH!
Ruby! WHAT are you doing? Put that down! You act like a human servant!
OH! Hello, My Darling! I'm just moving some of this furniture to make room for the SKEL-A-VISION!
What SKEL-A-VISION?
A nice, big, new one to put in the ENTERTOMBMENT CENTER!
With the SCAR-E-O and the VCR!
It should look quite menacing and imposing up against this WALL, don't you think?
NO! I don't think!
entertombment center! Hmf!
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My Love, I fear you are Going Batty! Skel-A-Vision? VCR? Scar-ed? We are Vampires! We do not have need for such things!
LISTEN! Our musicians play for us! The Children of the Night— What beautiful music they make!
AAAOOOOOOOO
AAAAOOOOO
AAA
WAAAOOOOOOO
There are rules we must live by! Standards to be upheld!
You are the Queen of the Night!
Stunning! Regal! You are a dark creature!
You must act like it!
I do not see how a few modern trinkets break any old vampire rules!
You are too old-fashioned, my sweet.
I uphold tradition!
Even a Queen of the Night enjoys a traditional dance now and then!
Like the "Batusi"!
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I FORBID IT!
YOU FORBID IT?
I WILL NOT BE ORDERED AROUND IN MY OWN CASTLE!!
GRR! I mean it woman!
FINE
FINE!
VERY DIGNIFIED!
AND I WILL not LAY MY Remains IN A CASKET SURROUNDED BY ELECTRONIC GEE-GAWS AND DOO-DADS!
"Gee-Gaws and Doo-Dads?" DO ALL LORDS of the NIGHT Have SUCH A REGAL COMMAND of Language?
So THERE!
NYA!

Now I am not SURE just WHAT TO do...
I THINK YOU SHOULD just sit here and CHILL out... it will all blow over in a WHILE...
I'M not VERY GOOD at this FIGHTING BUSINESS...
YOU'RE a LOVER, RUBY.
THE CHILLER
WHAT DO YOU WANT to EAT, ORSON? The Scary GODMOTHER has a little bit of EVERYTHING! DO YOU See Something YOU'D LIKE to SINK YOUR TEETH INTO?
STINKY CHEESE
!
!
HEY!!
POKE!

RUBY! ORSON'S TRYIN' TO SUCK MY BLOOD!
ORSON! PLAY nice!
tattle-tail!
you asked IF I saw SOMEthing I wanted to eat...
I meant in the refrigerator! DUH!

Don't you want SOME OF THESE COOKIES?
I COULD eat A MILLION COOKIES, but, I'D STILL BE HUNGRY.
I Bet I COULD eat a BILLION COOKIES AND STILL BE HUNGRY! WATCH!!
NO JoKIN'! COOKIES never FILL me UP— unless they're those kind with the bone marrow jelly on top!
KRONNCH
mmm! marrow jelly...!!
OH! I Hear ORSON "mmm"-ing in there! I'd better give him A SNACK!

Here's a SNAK BAG for you, darling!
YUM!
ARF! ARF! SEE?! KRUNCH!
...
I think MY MOM is SAP...
SIGH

DID YOU MAKE her a valentine FOR VALENTINE'S DAY?
UH-UH!
WHAT'S A valentine?
It's a picture you draw with HEARTS and stuff! you GIVE them to people you like!
Here! I made one FOR YOU IN SCHOOL!
FOR ME!?
YEAH! MY MOM Sure was happy WHEN I GAVE HER a valentine ---
maybe your mom would get HAPPY IF YOU made her a VALENTINE!
HA! I LIKE IT!
YOU DRIVE ME BATTY LOVE HANNAH
WHERE DID IT come FROM, valentine's DAY?
I DUNNO! WE COULD LOOK IT UP IN THE "CYCLE-PEDIUM" IN SCARY GOD-MOTHER'S LIBRARY!
I'LL BET I CAN I FIND IT BE-FORE YOOOU CAN!
NO FAIR!! Bat wings is cheating!
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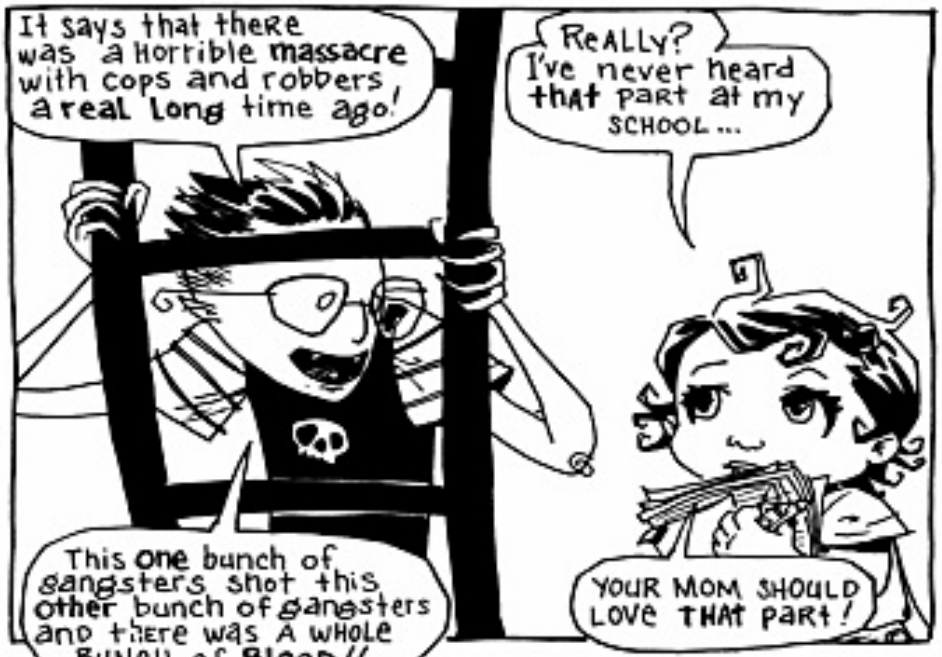
V- VAL-UN--
VALIN - I HATE that you have to KNOW HOW to Spell SOMETHING before you can find it!
SCARY GODMOTHER says to SOUND it out to Spell it!
SCARY GODMOTHER ALREADY KNOWS how to spell it!
VAL-EN-TINE!

I THINK I FOUND it!
FLIP FL-
WHAT'S it SAY?

I CAN'T believe we've never CELEBRATED this HOLIDAY before!!
SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY MASSACRE


It says that there was a HORRIBLE massacre with cops and robbers a REAL LONG time ago!
REALLY? I've never heard THAT part at my SCHOOL...
This ONE bunch of gangsters shot this OTHER bunch of gangsters and there was A WHOLE BUNCH of BLOOD!!
YOUR MOM SHOULD LOVE THAT part!

I GUESS that explains the HEARTS part... I WONDER where the CANDY part is FROM?
WE'RE GONNA NEED MORE RED CRAYONS!

Squee! You sure showed her who's boss, Boss!
She won't be movin' your stuff around anymore!
NOOO

OOOH!!
BEHH!!
you give me the shivers
OOOOO
RARR ROWR!!
GIGGLE tee-hee!
CLICKETY OH. YOU!
CLACK!
I CAN'T STAND IT!
HOW can I concentrate on being mad with all this "necking" going on!
I Know!
I will go talk to the Professor! He is a man of Science!
He will know what to do!
GIGGLE! SAY it again...!
DARLING— WILL YOU MARROW ME?
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GOSH, RUBY, I'M not too good with this talk SHOW stuff...
I'm afraid Max will never come home... I should never have changed things!
SNIF!
WHY DON'T I make you a nice cup of Hot plasma?
!?
AAAIEE!!! I can't STAND it anyMORE!!
YOU SHOULD NEVER apologize for being yourself!
AND YOU!
OUR FRIEND HERE is feeling blue and INSECURE!
SHE comes to us FOR advice AND what do you DO? Offer her TEA like an OLD LADY!
but... I like tea!
SNIF! WHAT do YOU suggest I do, Mister Pettibone?
Well, FIRST of all, I suggest a COMPLETE makeover!
GIRL, no wonder you're so MOPEY-- it's all of this BLACK!
SURE, it's a nice look, but, EVERYDAY? You're a VIBRANT WOMAN! you need to EXPRESS that in the way you DRESS!
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AND SHE MOVED ALL of the FURNITURE TO PUT IN THIS BIG SCREEN SKEL-A-VISION AND A SCAREO!
THAT IS NOT HOW a VAMPIRE IS SUPPOSED TO LIVE!
I told her SO!
and now she is no longer SPEAKING to me...
So you want me to MAKE you a NEW MATE THROUGH the wonders of SCIENCE!
HA! SCIENCE cannot even CHANGE you back to being HUMAN!
.... true... true!
PLUS- I do not want a new MATE!
I could make you A POTION that would make her OBEY your every whim!
KRASH!
I could do that myself!
...yes... master...
SNAP!
IF I wanted...
oh! yes I see!!
I just would like RUBY to be MORE of a VAMPIRE!

Let's see... customs of vampires...
Does she feast on living blood?
yes.
Does she shun the daylight?
oh yes.
Sleeps in a coffin?
yes. every day!
GULP!!
hmmm.. commands the creatures of the night?
they jump through hoops for her.
then how do these modern gadgets make her any less of a VAMPIRE?
well...
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night school is beginning... I...must go.
O.K. count... I hope I was some help..
I will think about what you have said... good evening!
professor! that was count max!
oh!
do you know him?
he's absolutely horrible!
he gives me the shivers!
is he coming back?
ladies! please! take your seats!
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CLIK
SHAKA-SHAKA-SHA
GLG!
GLG!
PLINK!
Here you go, Ladies!
Now, how does that nice bath make you feel, Miss Ruby?
I am very relaxed!
mmm! drink-y!
OH! A blue eye and a twist. You pamper me so, MR. Pettibone!
WHEN I get through making you over...
You'll be SpookTacular!
Now, Let's see WHAT you've got in this closet Scary GODMOTHER!
OTHER than you?
HA!!
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enter...

Good evening Mrs. LeGEVAUDAN... Is HARRY at home?
SIGH... yes- I'm sure he's still down in that room of his...
come...

HARRY! I'M HOME FROM WORK!
MOTHER, PLEASE! I'm IN the middle of an important ARGUMENT!
....
DID YOU BRING ME anyTHING?
YOU'VE BONE OFF GALAVANTING FOR ALL HOURS LEAVING ME down here to STARVE!!
I am ABSOLUTELY FAMISHED!
He sounds like He needs HIS DINNER...
WHAT He NEEDS IS A JOB!
YOU HAVE TWO LEGS! IF YOU ARE HUNGRY — CLIMB OUT of THAT HOLE AND GO out and CATCH SOMETHING to EAT!!
Besides — YOUR friend MAX is HERE! Come UP and be SOCIAL!
REALLY? COUNT MAX? SEND HIM down!
DO I HAVE to?
IF YOU WISH to speak with HIM, YES.... I CANNOT MAKE HIM COME UP for ANYTHING!
WHAT is that smell?
DON'T ASK ME!
I give him Five minutes — TOPS....
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HARRY?
Hell's bells, MAN! When was the last time you left this HOLE?
Just a minute, Max! I Must SKEWER this, ignoRamus!
DIABLO BROS
RATBOY LUPO 1 BLEGS
RATBOY - DORK@$$ KNOWNOTHING !!!! :P
LUPO 1 - Stop shouting at me. You are a flea-brained moron!! Individuals with a frontal lobe are fully aware that the Ectoplasm twins did not appear on the SPECTRAL SIX until Episode # 76 - "UN-DEADLY GAMES!"
CLIK CLIK CLIK
HA! COWARD! YOU COLLAPSE WHEN CONFRONTED WITH A SUPERIOR BRAIN!!
NOW - WHAT BRINGS you to my HUMBLE Refuge?
REFUSE is more like it!
ACTUALLY, (and I can't believe this now that I'm here) I WAS going to ASK YOUR ADVICE on SOMETHING....
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SNAP
I LiKe IT!

Yay!
Ready to KNOCK 'em DEAD?
I GUESS SO...
OH!
We CANNOT go! We CANNOT Leave the CHILDREN!
Give me those red crayons!
come an' get 'em! NYA!
do not write on me with ya!
GRR!
BUGABOO is OFF EARLY FROM WORK tonight!
I'LL Bet he'll watch them! I'LL GO ASK!
BUG-A-BOO! YOU HOME?
DANK SWEET DANK
I'M in the KITCHEN!
MMMM! STINKY!
The Great Monster contest is coming up — I plan on taking the lead in the pungent foods competition!
WHAT CAN I DO FOR YA?
SNIKT! SNIKT!
MR. Pettibone and I want to CHEER RUBY up BY taking her out! Could you Keep an eye on Hannah and Orson 'til we get back?
SNIFF!
WHEW! I think you got a winner here, BUG!
I'LL Keep all of my eyes on 'em!!

Flew out the window! HA! Smooth move my friend!
You certainly are better off!!
WHAT did the little lady plan on turning the living room into?
I do not know.... A movie house or some such... She has this BIG SCREEN SKEL-A-VISION and...
A BIG SCREEN SKEL-A-VISION! perhaps you were too hasty!!
The SPECTRAL SIX would take on a new cinematic level on a Big screen!
I am forced to make do with THAT ancient machine!
HARRY! What are you doing down there?
Come up and I'll fix you two some DINNER!
HARRY? Can you HEAR me?
On second thought...
A man must have his private domain! unsullied by the meddling of others...
MOTHER! Max and I will be going OUT!
...to get a JOB?
!
NO! As BACHELORS!
To eat and drink!
To have intellectual conversation!
To impress the ladies with our wit and wisdom!
....
Can I have some money?
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IS THAT ALL?
HOW CAN I PURCHASE AN EDIBLE MEAL WITH THIS PITTANCE?
IF YOU NEED MORE - GET OUT AND EARN IT!
MAY - YOU HAVE A LARGE ESTATE... I'M SURE YOU COULD FIND A LITTLE JOB.... HE HAS A LOT OF SCHOOLING!
um...
MOTHER!!
PLEASE! IT'S BAD ENOUGH THAT I MUST ENDURE THE EMBARRASSMENT OF YOUR CLATTERING ABOUT IN THAT RICKETY TRAILER YOU CALL A CARAVAN....
NOW YOU OFFER ME UP AS A SLAVE TO MY FRIENDS!
THAT "TRAILER" IS HOW I MAKE A LIVING! AND SUPPORT THAT INTERNET HABIT OF YOURS!
IT'S A MOTHER'S DUTY TO CARE FOR HER SON UNTIL HE IS OUT OF THE HOME!
WELL THEN, SO IF YOU'RE GOING!
BYE-BYE!
SEE YA!
HAVE FUN!
I WILL BE BACK, YOU KNOW!
AND DON'T TOUCH THE SKEL-A-VISION! THE VCR IS SET TO RECORD THE SPECTRAL SIX!
....
SIGH...
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I'll BRING UP some SNICK-SNACKS for the KIDLETS!
They're bound to BE HUNGRY...
They must WORK UP QUITE an APPETITE with their LITTLE GAMES...
!
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! YOU DIRTY RAT!
I'll Bite You GOOD-valentine!
OH-Give Me THOSE!!
NOW WHAT'S GOING ON?
!
WE'RE PLAYING VALENTINE!
WHAT'S VALENTINE?
It's A HOLIDAY that Hannah'S FAMILY CELEBRATES because of this GANGLAND MASSACRE!
You GIVE CARDS AND FLOWERS AND STUFF to PEOPLE that you LIKE!
We were gonna make CANDY FOR ORSON'S MOM, but we got SIDE-TRACKED!!

Candy? I can help you make some of that!
What kind shall we make? We got a recipe for.... candied eyeballs, cherry bloodclots...
Ant krispies...
Chocolate covered spiders...
Spiders! Spiders!!
Orson! Round up some big fat spiders!
Okay!
um... I think I'll make my own kinda snack
TREATS
with your host- Hannah Marie!
Hi kids!
here's a treat that's easy to make and fun to eat!
What you will need....
- some large marshmallows
- chocolate syrup
- a chocolate bar broken into squares
- graham crackers
- a toothpick
Take one square of chocolate and place it on 2 squares of graham cracker!
Dip the toothpick into the chocolate syrup... don't lose it in there!
you could even pour some syrup on a plate first to make it easy
Paint a face on the marshmallow with the syrup!
Put the marshmallow with the face on top of the cracker I like to add some "hair", too!
Put the whole thing into the microwave for 30 seconds or so, depending on your microwave —
adult supervision
you want the chocolate square to get all softy!
watch his head puff up!
HA! HA!
Careful! it'll be hot when it comes out of the oven! wait a few seconds 'til his face deflates — then chew him up!
MMM! Gooey!
snick-snacks!

OH GOODY! THE LINE'S NOT TOO LONG!
We'll be able to get A TABLE!
TONIGHT! THE ZOMBIES!
mm...
...m...
?
mmm!
LADIES! WAIT UP! I always get stopped at the door!
OOO-WEE! THIS JOINT IS JUMPIN'!
GO and grab that free BOOTH! I'LL BELLY UP to the BAR for COCKTAILS!
But you DON'T HAVE a BELLY!

OH MY!
Ha!
IT'S CALLED A GLOOM LIFTER, Miss RUBY! Let's See iF it WORKS!
GOSH, MR. Petti-BONE! YOU SURE ARE BUYING HER A Lot of DRINKS!
NOW— HERE'S A NICE BLOODY CAESAR, Miss RUBY!
THAT WAS A "HEARST"!
HERE'S A "ZOMBIE"!
SKULLY!
WELL, I'M NOT SURE WHAT SHE LIKES!
tee hee!
THAT KILLED HER SOUR MOOD!
AND A GOOD DEAL of BRAIN CELLS!
WHUP!
Let's DANCE!
SNAP SNAP
The ZOMBIES are starting to PLAY in tHE BACK ROOM!!
HERE IS AN empty BOOTH...
!
FILTHY!
THIS ESTABLISHMENT SHOULD BE MORE PROMPT WITH the BUSSING OF IT'S tABLES!
BARKEEP! BARKEEP!!
EECH!

?
How can I be expected to spend 5 minutes surrounded by all of this?
this is unacceptable!
Have you taken a good look at your room, Lately?
I am ze owner here! Is zere a problem?
There certainly is! HOW can I possibly sit and enjoy myself when every available table is filthy and cluttered!?
This table opened up SECONDS AGO!
A likely excuse!
I should report you to the Better Business Bureau!!
We have never had ze complaint!
everyone knows zat Madame Zazie runs ze best club on ALL of ze fright side!
Sigh.
HMF! Well— I'm complaining! Come Max — we'll take our business elsewhere!
COUNT MAX! What a pleasure to have you here, master!
Good evening!
Please sit and have drinks — on ze HOUSE!
And my companion?
Goodness! My stomach is grumbling!
I'm about to collapse from hunger!
—whatever he likes!
I am at your service, master!
Let me see to it!
COUNT MAX! At my club! I couldn't ask for better advertising! I may be able to expand!!
FRITZ! Go and bus COUNT MAX'S table!
CLAUDE - Give ze count anything he wishes!
Nya!
Gotcha boss!
And put in an order of our Greasiest appetizers for his companion, Mr. Picky!
And a great big SODA POP!
I got his number!
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I CAN BARELY HEAR MYSELF THINK ABOVE THIS DIN!
CHOMP!
IT'S BOUND TO COMPROMISE MY DIGESTION OF THESE GOURMET DELIGHTS!
CRISP
IT WAS YOUR IDEA TO COME HERE!
THIS IS WHERE ALL the eligible young monstresses come FOR ENTERTAINMENT.
THE PERFECT PLACE to find YOU A MATE!
I ALREADY HAVE A MATE!
YES... WHATever! NARF! CHOMP! I believe that YOUR EGO needs BOLSTERING! CRUNCH!!
TELL YOU WHAT - WHEN the ladies come over to HIT on YOURS TRULY - GULP! - I'LL DISCOURAGE the SAUCY minxes AND THEY'LL TURN to YOU AS SECOND CHOICE!
Hmm - we could use another order of snacks and dipping sauce...
NARF NARF
I'LL BET you some...
I'LL demonstrate on the young ghoul behind you...
DON'T ACT COY, MY DEAR! I CAN see that you're attracted to me. HOWEVER, I am UN-AVAILABLE!
?
nice crumbs.
UP
!
IT'S COUNT MAX...
COUNT MAX?
MAX!
MAX!
AX.
UH-OH.

LOOK at me! I'M doing the BONEY MARONEY!
Psst - DO YOU SUCK BLOOD AS WELL AS YOU DANCE?
!
AAiieee e!! MY QUEEN!!
That was COOL! C'MON LET'S MOVE to the BAR.
DID YOU HEAR the RUDE comment HE MADE to ME?
SOON-
YOUR wait is OVAh, BABY- your PRINCE of DARKness HAS arrived!
Here's my plot numbah, BABE. See you right before da SUN COMES UP! I'LL KEEP DA Ground COLD FOR YA!
SHADY ACRES CEMETERY
PLOT #69
SECTION C
"Once you go BAT— you'll never go back..." Tony B.
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I'D RATHER DRINK HOLY WATER.
EY!
BITE ME!
I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW RUDE THESE VAMPIRES CAN BE!
I THINK HE THOUGHT HE WAS BEING FLATTERING!
THAT'S NOT FLATTERY!
COMPLIMENTS ARE SUPPOSED TO MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD!
LIKE WHEN MAX WAS WOOING ME! IT WAS 3 WHOLE NIGHTS OF HYPNOTISING CONVERSATION!
HE CAN MAKE YOU SWOON!
THOSE PIERCING RED EYES!
THAT DEEP VELVETY VOICE...
AND HE'S POLITE, TOO! HE HAS GOOD MANNERS AND FINE TASTE!
HE'S OLDE TYME CLASSY!
AS OPPOSED TO...?
HA HA HA HA HEE HA HEE HA HEE

OUR drinks are on the COUNT!
I'D LOVE TO see your GREAT BIG CASTLE!
tee hee! NO ONE commands HUMAN SERVANTS LIKE YOU!
IS YOUR COFFIN (giggle) big enough FOR TWO?
ENOUGH!
LEAVE ME.
MASTER!
...YES... master...
..YES... master..
Yesss...master..
....YES....
WHAT DID YOU do that FOR....?
SNEAK!
WHAT a BRAINLESS bunch of BIMBOS!!
BLEAH!
BRAINLESS but BEAUTIFUL! AND they EMBODY THOSE OLD FASHIONED VALUES that are SO HARD to COME BY THESE DAYS!
MARRIAGE, OBEDIENCE to their MASTER....LOUNGING around IN TOTAL LUXURY....
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT YOU didn't find THEIR PHYSICAL QUALITIES ENCHANTING!
I FOUND THEM RIVETING!
IN BETWEEN BASKETS OF APPETIZERS..
IN FACT, I BELIEVE YOU'RE PURPOSELY TRYING TO HAVE A POOR TIME!
I'M CERTAIN THAT YOU'RE denying SOME SPARK JUST TO PROVE YOUR POINT about MODERN WAYS!
THERE MUST BE SOME MODERN WOMAN IN HERE THAT YOU FIND GHOULISH!
AL-RIGHT

IF I POINT OUT AN ATTRACTIVE WOMAN...
!
WILL YOU PLEASE LAY OFF?
YOU NEEDN'T RAISE YOUR VOICE!
BLAH! I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THESE VAMPIRES! I WANT TO GO HOME TO MY CASTLE, MY SON, AND MAX!
HE WAS RIGHT ABOUT A CERTAIN ASPECT OF THE MODERN WORLD AND THE LIVING DEAD... SHEESH!!!....
I LIKE THAT MAX IS OLD-FASHIONED! IT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS MOST ATTRACTIVE ABOUT HIM! HOW COULD WE FIGHT OVER SUCH A THING?
LET'S GO HOME!
HMM...NOW LET'S SEE...
OOOH! THAT GIRL LOOKS LIKE MISS CRYSTAL FROM THE SPECTRAL SIX!
SHUSH! .... THERE! BY THE EXIT! THAT IS AN EXTRAORDINARY WOMAN! YOU CAN FEEL IT FROM WAY OVER HERE!
AND SHE'S 100% MODERN VAMPIRE! SHE'S VIBRANT...
SHE'S...
SHE'S...
SHE'S RUBY!!
MAX? ARE YOU ALRIGHT? MAX?
I... ...I... HARRY... ...I...
I MUST GO! THERE IS SOMETHING I MUST DO...
I WONDER IF I CAN STILL ORDER FOOD ON HIS TAB?....
POOF

Later-
GOOD IDEA TAKING RUBY OUT TO THE CLUB! AFTER BEING HIT ON BY THOSE JERKS- SHE WAS SURE TO WORK IT OUT WITH MAX.
I HAD IT PLANNED THAT WAY ALL ALONG!
OH, REALLY?
EVERYONE IS STUBBORN WHEN THEY FIGHT! THEY OVERLOOK ALL THE GOOD THINGS, GET DEFENSIVE AND NO ONE COMPROMISES!
I JUST HOPE SOMETHING OPENED MAX'S EYES, TOO!
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE SUCH AN EXPERT AT THERAPY, SKULLY.
WE'LL HAVE TO HANG A SHINGLE ON YOUR CLOSET DOOR.
DR. PETTIBONE! COUNSELOR-BONE ABOUT TOWN...
I'LL THINK ABOUT THAT TOMORROW!
RIGHT NOW, I'm THINKIN' ABOUT A BIG, OL' GREASY BREAKFAST! TO the KITCHEN!
HOW DOES A BIG, MUSHROOM OMELET SOUND?
IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE MAKING BREAKFAST!
YUM!
CREAK
OH MY.
HAPPY VALENTINES DAY
HELP?

CHOCOLATE COVERED BUG-A-BOO!
CHOCOLATE-COVERED KITCHEN!
We made VALENTINES! Chocolate covered SPIDERS! Pictures, too! And then ....
There's VALENTINES for everyone STUCK ON TOP!
HEY - where's my mom?
She wanted to make a STOP before she went HOME!
I've got to get HOME fast! So I can SUPRISE HER!
GRAB YOUR GIFTS! I'LL GET YOU HOME!
AW!
NO - you CAN'T take BUG-A-BOO with you... it's NOT NICE to eat your FRIENDS.
It's nice to eat the CHOCOLATE OFF your friends so they can move!
!

Belfrey Manor - DEAD Ahead!

RUBY?
It's Me! ORSON! What are you doing sitting all alone in the DARK?
OH GOOD, DADDY! YOU HAVE A VALENTINE FOR MOMMY, TOO!
VALENTINE? WHAT IS A VALENTINE?
IT'S A BIG SUPRISE! IT WILL MAKE MOMMY HAPPY! BUT HURRY, SHE'S ON HER WAY!
Go DOWN to the CRYPT AND I'LL STALL HER!

SOON-
Max?
MOMMY! HAPPY VALE DAY!
GUESS WHAT
ONE HOUR LATER...
THANK YOU FOR these NEW Valentines, My tiny DARLING! I WILL EAT these LOVELY SPIDERS LATER
SMAK!
But, NOW we must PUT YOU to BED!
THE SUN IS ON IT'S WAY!
EEE! IT'LL BURN MY BACON!
twinkle twinkle Little Bat! How I wonder where you're at..
?
ENTER My Sweet!
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, my LOVE!
OH Max! A DOUBLE COFFIN? I've always wanted ONE OF THOSE!
I like this VALENTINE'S DAY IDEA!
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I... I am SORRY about before.
OH! I am, too! I over-reacted.
I Got you this candelabra... I do Appreciate olde tyme things as well as modern!
AND I put our two coffins together to show you that I can bend the vampire rules from time to time!
THIS evening, my darling, I saw quite a few things about the modern world that I dislike!
My sweet, I saw some old-fashioned values that I found very undignified!
I love all of the ancient things about you!
AND you are the best thing to ever come from the modern world!

I do not mind entering the 20th Century... I only ask that you ease me into it, my dear...
I PROMISE! now, come here you King of the Night!
We will bring a victrola into the crypt to play while we Rest! How does that sound?
LOVELY!
We can play WOLFSONS for you by the CHILDren of the NIGHT!
GIGGLE HAHAHA! teeHee tickle
Bite! Giggle teeHee tickle HAHAHA HEE HA HO OH! MY!
tee hee tomorrow- I will get us a car!
!
Giggle TeeHEE HA HO SNORT! hee
OH, you are trying my patience!!
HAR
AA
And now I'll be trying your neck!
Hey! Keep it down in there! Kids are tryin' ta get some Rest!
YeeSH
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Back At the SCARY GODMOTHER'S HOUSE...
MUSHROOMY GOOD!
WITH JUST a Hint of CHOCOLATE!
SORRY ABOUT THAT CHOMP!
FREe At Last!

I'M FULL OF CHOCOLATE...
YOU SOUND FULL OF SLEEP! Back to YOUR bed FOR YOU!

OUT!
NO MORE FREe food FOR YOU!
MMM!
IT'S DAY BREAK FOR Pete's Sake! GO HOME!
SLAUGHTERED LAMB est. 1981
RUFFIANS! IS THIS HOW YOU Treat ALL YOUR CUSTOMERS? MADAME! I WILL Be REPORTING YOU!
at least let me use your telephone to call my mother for a RIDE!

AND SO
ZZZZ
yawn!

Z

THE Next MORNING....
HANNAH! Have you been eating CHOCOLATE in your Bed?

CLUTCH, BRAKE... NO, BRAKE THEN clutch, and SHIFT...
THE END

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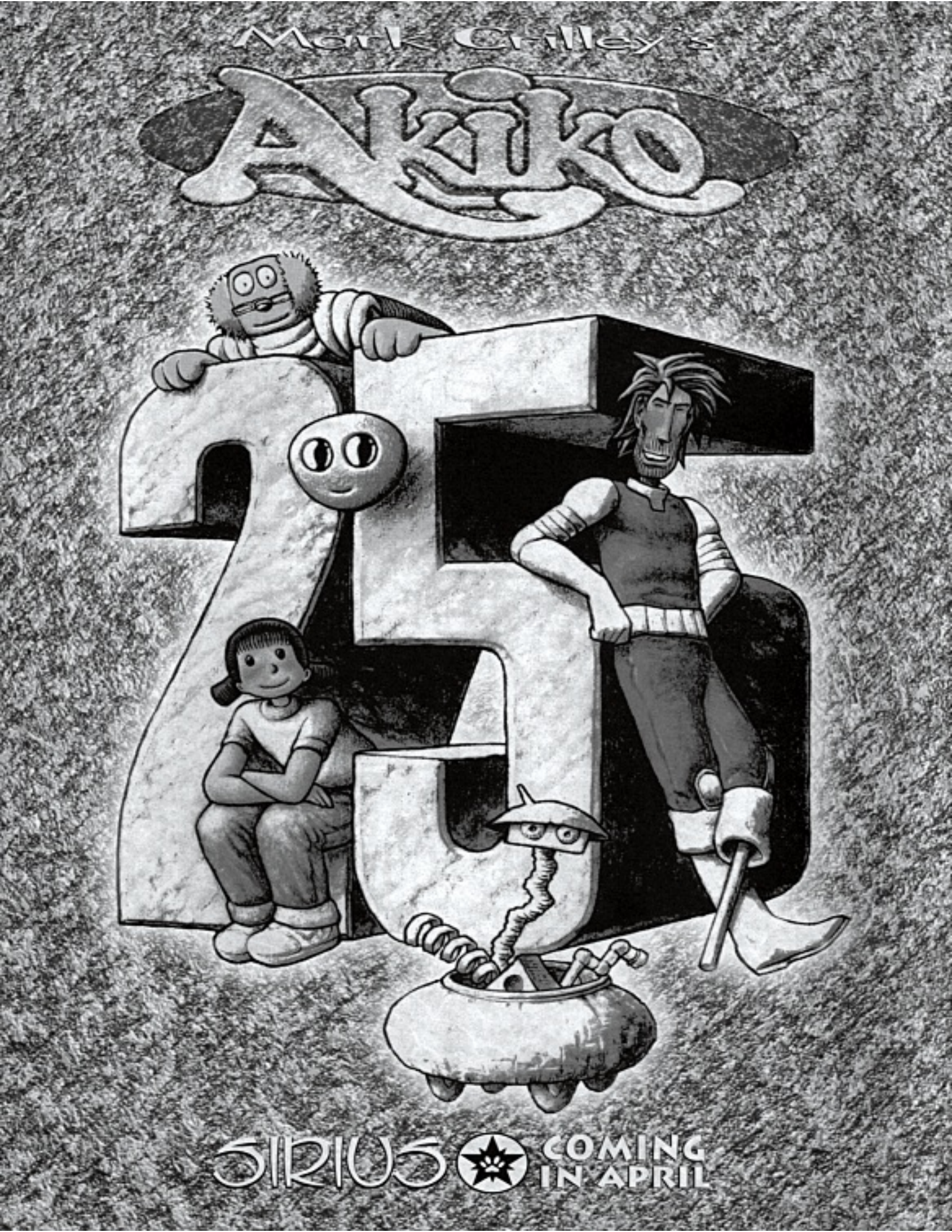
GAK!
D-OH!
YIKES!
BEEP!
BOO!
HEE-HEE!
SNAKE-Y!
A SURPRISE VALENTINE'S DAY GIFT FROM HANNAH, LEADS TO THE SHOCKING DISCOVERY OF--
SCARY GODMOTHER'S SECRET FEAR!
(KEEP IT UNDER YOUR HATS, KIDS!)

PURCELL

BUG-A-BOO

BY MICHAEL REIN
5 YRS. OLD HOLD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